

# **RETROSPECTIVE ON THE GHANA EXPERIENCE:**

**OVERVIEW OF ARTISINAL MINING AND  
ITS REGULATION IN GHANA**

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## **SMALL SCALE MINING IN GHANA**

- **MINING BY ANY METHOD NOT  
INVOLVING SUBSTANTIAL  
EXPENDITURE, WITH GHANAIAN  
OWNERSHIP**

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- OVER 620 MINING LICENCES GRANTED
- CONTRIBUTION TO TOTAL PRODUCTION INCREASED FROM
  - 2% (1989) TO 7% (2002) FOR GOLD
  - 40% (1989) TO 82% (2002) FOR DIAMONDS
- OVER 100,000 PEOPLE EMPLOYED
- INCREASED ALTERNATIVE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

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- LEGAL LIMITATIONS
- LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF SUITABLE LAND FOR SMALL SCALE MINING
- ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

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- CONTINUOUS EDUCATION
- DEMARCATING VIABLE LANDS FOR SMALL SCALE MINING
- PROMOTING LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR ALTERNATIVE LIVELIHOOD PROJECTS

**THANK YOU**

